

NOTE

An Overlooked Paper on Heteroptera by N. A. Kormilev

In the recent bibliography of the works of Nicholas A. Kormilev, by R. C. Froeschner (1995, Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington 97: 515–547), one publication was overlooked: Kormilev, N. A. 1929. A contribution to the study of Hemiptera–Heteroptera of Jugoslavia. (In Serbian). Acta Societatis Entomologicae Jugoslavensis 3–4: 79–91.

This paper was noticed by J. A. Slater (1964, A catalogue of the Lygaeidae of the world. Univ. Conn., Storrs, Vol. II, pp. 779–1668; p. 1572) but missed by other authors, including those providing catalogs with comprehensive bibliographies. There are no major taxonomic changes or new taxa proposed in this work, which may be why it has been commonly overlooked.

Kormilev's 1929 paper deals with the families Acanthosomatidae, Pentatomidae, Plataspidae, Scutelleridae, Thyreocoridae, Stenocephalidae, Rhopalidae, Coreidae, Berytidae, Pyrrhocoridae, Piesmatidae, Lygaeidae, Reduviidae, Cimicidae, Anthocoridae, Miridae, Hydrometridae, Veliidae, Gerridae, Saldidae, Naucoridae, Nepidae, Notonectidae, and Corixidae (as recognized

by Carver, M., G. F. Gross and T. E. Woodward. 1991, Hemiptera, vol. 1, pp. 429–509 In The Insects of Australia, Edition II, CSIRO, Canberra). It lists taxa for the region, restates some already existing synonymies, and gives distributions.

Several years ago I purchased from Dr. Kormilev his personal set of his own works, supposedly complete. When asked about his 1929 paper, he wrote: "The paper which you mentioned was my first attempt to describe what I had at that time. I didn't get page proof and there were mistakes, so I don't count it and I don't have it now. I started with #1 in 1936, and that paper you have."

All of us who have published extensively are painfully aware that, no matter how embarrassing or unfortunate, a paper published in the open literature cannot be withdrawn or suppressed.

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